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UM SPONSORS INTENSIVE LOOK AT DOING BUSINESS WITH RUSSIA AND THE NEWLY INDEPENDENT STATES

MISSOULA --

International experts on Russia and other former members of the Soviet Union will gather at The University of Montana - Missoula in May for a free public symposium and an intensive business seminar that will feature comments from a Russian deputy consul, the president of the Russian-American Chamber of Commerce and Montana Gov. Marc Racicot.

The symposium, "Economies in Transition: Europe to the Bering Strait," is scheduled from 8:45 to 5 p.m. Monday, May 1, in the University Center's Mount Sentinel Room.

On Tuesday, May 2, the University will host "Doing Business in Russia and the Newly Independent States: Strategies for Success" from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The seminar is designed for business owners and managers, entrepreneurs, educators, economic development professionals and anyone interested in examining business prospects in the former Soviet Union.

Registration for the seminar, including a luncheon featuring a talk by Racicot, costs \$25 through April 26 and \$40 after that date. The cost of attending the luncheon only is \$12. To register or for more information, call UM's Center for Continuing Education, 243-2164.

Speakers at the seminar include Deborah Anne Palmieri, president of the Russian-American Chamber of Commerce and an adjunct professor at the University of Denver, and Valentin Parkhomenko, deputy consul general at the Consulate of the Russian Federation in Seattle. Panel discussions will focus on Montanans' business experiences in Russia and the Newly Independent States and on practical aspects of doing business in the region.

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The seminar is sponsored by UM's business school and College of Arts and Sciences; ARCO, Inc.; Burlington Northern Company; Montana Power Company; MSE, Inc.; US West Communications; the Montana Chamber of Commerce; and the Missoula Chamber of Commerce.

Monday's academic symposium, the second of three international gatherings examining socio-political and economic changes in the Northern Hemisphere, will feature presentations by scholars from UM, the London School of Economics and Political Science, and the University of Ottawa.

The free public event will begin at 8:45 a.m. with welcoming remarks from UM President George Dennison and Michael Hodges of the London School of Economics and Political Science. At 9 a.m., Iain Crawford of the London School will discuss "Political Transition in Eastern Europe," followed at 10 a.m. by M. Mark Stolarik of the University of Ottawa addressing "The Current Political, Economic and Cultural Situation in the Slovak Republic." At 11 a.m., UM accounting and finance Assistant Professor Timothy Manuel will discuss "Establishing a Finance Curriculum in an Emerging Economy."

Rose Anne Devlin of the University of Ottawa will kick off the afternoon's presentations at 2 p.m. with "Promoting Competition in the Russian Federation: The Role for Public Policy." At 3 p.m. UM Native American studies and anthropology Assistant Professor Stephen Greymorning will discuss "The Impact of Economic Development and Expansion Upon a Vanishing Frontier," followed at 4 p.m. with UM geography Visiting Professor Jeffrey Gritzner's comments on "Cycles of Change in Central Asia: A Geographical Perspective."

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